

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6860

Petitions of Vermont Electric Power Company,)
Inc. (VELCO) and Green Mountain Power)
Corporation (GMP) for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248,)
authorizing VELCO to construct the so-called)
Northwest Vermont Reliability Project, said)
project to include: (1) upgrades at 12 existing)
VELCO and GMP substations located in)
Charlotte, Essex, Hartford, New Haven, North)
Ferrisburgh, Poultney, Shelburne, South)
Burlington, Vergennes, West Rutland,)
Williamstown, and Williston, Vermont; (2) the)
construction of a new 345 kV transmission line)
from West Rutland to New Haven; (3) the)
reconstruction of a portion of a 34.5 kV and 46)
kV transmission line from New Haven to South)
Burlington; and (4) the reconductoring of a 115)
kV transmission line from Williamstown to)
Barre, Vermont –)

Order entered: 10/6/2006

ORDER RE: MOTION TO INTERVENE BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

On September 13, 2006, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") received a motion from The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") to intervene in the post-certification review proceedings in this Docket. The motion states that TNC "owns land which may be adversely affected by the outcome of the post review proceedings."

On September 21, 2006, the Vermont Department of Public Service filed a letter in which it supports permissive intervention by TNC "on the same terms as other affected property owners have been allowed to intervene in post-certification proceedings." No other party filed responses to the intervention request.

Today's Order grants TNC's motion to intervene with the conditions set forth below.

TNC has demonstrated an interest in the post-certification review process as it relates to project facilities which affect their property. The Board grants TNC permissive intervention, pursuant to Board Rule 2.209(B), but limits participation in the post-certification process to issues relating to facilities affecting its property, pursuant to Rule 2.209(C). As the Board noted in its Order of January 28, 2005, at page 215, "entities that have not been participants in this Docket should not be allowed to re-examine issues that have already been litigated by several parties." Consequently, TNC may not challenge any of the Board's orders, findings, and conclusions issued in the Docket prior to this intervention.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 6th day of October, 2006.

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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 6, 2006

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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